

Special Children Special Needs, Special Care

Since 1924, the Kentucky Commission for Children with Special Health Care Needs has provided care for children with physical disabilities. Our mission is to enhance the quality of life for Kentucky's children with special health care needs through direct service, leadership, education and collaboration.

Twelve offices serve children across the state. Commission staff work with families to help them get the care their children need.

**For more information, call the
commission office nearest you:**

Ashland
(800)-650-1329
(606) 929-9155

Bowling Green
(800)-843-5877
(270) 746-7816

Hazard
(800)-378-3357
(606) 435-6167

Lexington Hemophilia
(800)-333-7359
(859) 257-6033

Louisville Hemophilia
(877)-261-3108
(502) 595-4459

Owensboro
(877)-687-7038
(270) 687-7038

Prestonsburg
(800)-594-7058
(606) 889-1761

Early Hearing Detection & Intervention (EHDI)
(877)-757-HEAR
(877-757-4327)

Barbourville
(800)-348-4279
(606) 546-5109

Elizabethtown
(800)-995-6982
(270) 765-6982

Lexington
(800)-817-3874
(859) 252-3170

Louisville
(800)-232-1160
(502) 595-4459

Morehead
(800)-928-3049
(606) 783-8610

Paducah
(800)-443-3651
(270) 443-3651

Somerset
(800)-525-4279
(606) 678-4454

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Eligibility

A child can receive services from the Commission for Children with Special Health Care Needs if the child is a resident of Kentucky, younger than age 21, has a medical condition that usually responds to treatment and is covered by the program and meets financial guidelines. Services are approved as required by the patient's treatment plan.

Patients remain in the program until:

- they reach the age of 21;
- they have gained maximum benefit from treatment;
- they choose to obtain services in another setting; or
- they no longer comply with treatment plan or program guidelines.

How to Apply

Contact the nearest commission office and request an application. The request can come from a parent or guardian, primary care provider, teacher or neighbor. You can make an appointment to come to a commission office to fill out the application. Staff members will tell you what to bring for proof of income and help answer your questions.

Programs

Asthma (Severe)	Burn
Cerebral Palsy	Cleft Lip & Palate
Craniofacial	Cystic Fibrosis
Eye	Hand
Heart	Hemophilia*
Neurology	Orthopedic
Rheumatology	Otology
Neurosurgery	Plastic Surgery
Scoliosis	Seizure
Spina Bifida	

Programs vary by region

*Also provided for adults.

Services

Care Coordination
Hospitalization
Surgery
Lab Test and X-rays
Medication
Durable Medical Equipment
(such as wheelchairs or hearing aids)
Physical Therapy, Occupational
Therapy and Speech Therapy
Hearing Tests

Early Hearing Detection & Intervention (EHDI)

Children born in Kentucky have their hearing tested before going home from the hospital. The staff in the Early Hearing Detection & Intervention (EHDI) program can help you find services for more testing and resources if your child has a hearing loss. Children with hearing loss can have normal language skills if they get the early support services they need. Some children need regular appointments to check their hearing if they are at risk for later hearing loss. The EHDI program also helps these children and their families with information about testing and follow-up care. Call (877)-757-HEAR (V/TTY) or your local commission office for more information.

Transition Planning

Children and young people with special needs and their families sometimes need extra support in reaching the milestones that mark growing independence. The commission helps children and families with a transition checklist to help them plan and prepare for changes as the children grow. Whether it is planning to meet special medical needs in school or helping the child and family understand and manage a medical condition at home, the commission is there with transition planning and parent consultants on staff.